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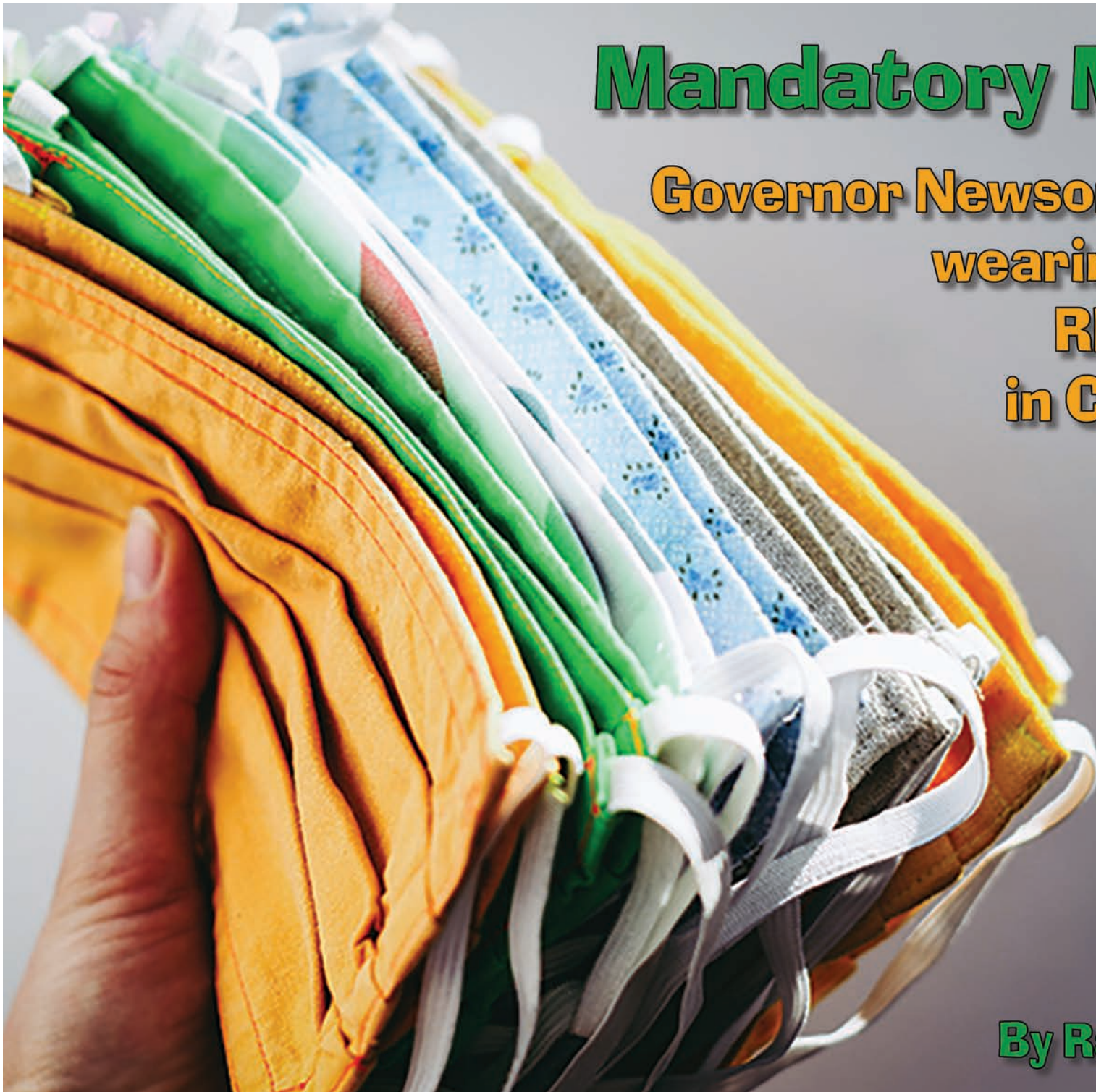
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Mandatory Masks

Governor Newsom makes
wearing masks
REQUIRED
in California



Here are
the rules

By Randy Bailey

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The following was issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on Thursday, June 18 and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom.

GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS

Because of our collective actions, California has limited the spread of COVID-19 and associated hospitalizations and deaths in our state. Still, the risk for COVID-19 remains and the increasing number of Californians who are leaving their homes for work and other needs, increases the risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection.

Over the last four months, we have learned a lot about COVID-19 transmission, most notably that people who are infected but are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic play an important part in community spread. The use of face coverings by everyone can limit the release of infected droplets when talking, coughing, and/or sneezing, as well as reinforce physical distancing.

This document updates existing CDPH guidance for the use of cloth face coverings by the general public when outside the home. It mandates that face coverings be worn state-wide in the circumstances and with the exceptions outlined below. It does not substitute for existing guidance about social distancing and handwashing.

Guidance

People in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;¹
- Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank;²
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;
- Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when:
 - Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
 - Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
 - Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
 - Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
 - In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person’s own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.
- Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a phys-

ical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Persons age two years or under. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or

face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.

- Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.

- Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking,

hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.

- Persons who are incarcerated. Prisons and jails, as part of their mitigation plans, will have specific guidance on the wearing of face coverings or masks for both inmates and staff.

Note: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

¹ Unless exempted by state guidelines for specific public settings.
² Unless directed otherwise by an employee or healthcare provider.

SOME FACE MASK MYTHS AND FACTS

1. Face masks, while recommend, aren’t a substitute for social distancing according to the Centers for Disease Control, which contends that staying at least 6 feet apart from others publicly is still the most important tool to stop the spread of the virus.
2. A face mask doesn’t make you more susceptible to COVID-19, based on the assumption that you touch the mask

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Wildfire Season Begins in Valley



District cautions Valley residents to be prepared for smoke impacts from wildfires

The Walker fire in Calaveras County has marked the beginning of wildfire season in the San Joaquin Valley. While full containment of the Walker fire is expected within coming days, with minimal smoke impacts in our region, air pollution officials will continue to monitor the situation and caution Valley residents to be prepared for smoke impacts from other fires this season.

A build-up of dry vegetation during the hot summer months presents a high risk for hotter, faster moving fires in mountain communities surrounding the Valley, often sending smoke into the San Joaquin Valley.

Wildfire smoke contains particulate matter (PM), which can trigger asthma attacks, aggravate chronic bronchitis and increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Individuals with heart or lung disease should follow their doctors’ advice for dealing with episodes of PM exposure. Those with existing respiratory conditions, including COVID-19, young children and the elderly, are especially susceptible to the negative health effects from this form of pollution. Anyone experiencing poor air quality due to wildfire smoke should move indoors, to a filtered, air-conditioned environment with windows closed and contact their primary

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Serving the Children of the World

By Nancy Wayne

"Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child, one community at a time."

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Liberty High Senior Payten Hobbs, left, receives a \$1,200 Kiwanis Scholarship from Ranchos Kiwanis President, Richard Wayne.



Liberty High Senior Gursirat Kaur, left, also receives one of three \$1,200 Kiwanis Scholarships from President, Richard Wayne.

Three Liberty High School seniors were awarded Kiwanis Scholarships this year. Congratulations to Gursirat Kaur, Payten Hobbs and Isabella Perez. Each received \$1,200 to use for their future education.



Receiving the third of three \$1,200 Kiwanis Scholarships from Kiwanis President, Richard Wayne, right, is Isabella Perez.



Not to be left out, Ranchos Middle Schoolers Chase Duarte and Ellie Sano, second and third from left, were awarded \$75 Citizenship Awards by the Ranchos Kiwanis.

Hope of America, a Kiwanis middle school program, awarded two middle school students with \$75 each. Congratulations to Chase Duarte and Ellie Sano for your good citizenship and grades this past school year.

Teacher grants have been postponed until school starts in the fall.

Ranchos Kiwanis Club raises funds to help the community and children, while participating in fellowship and community projects.

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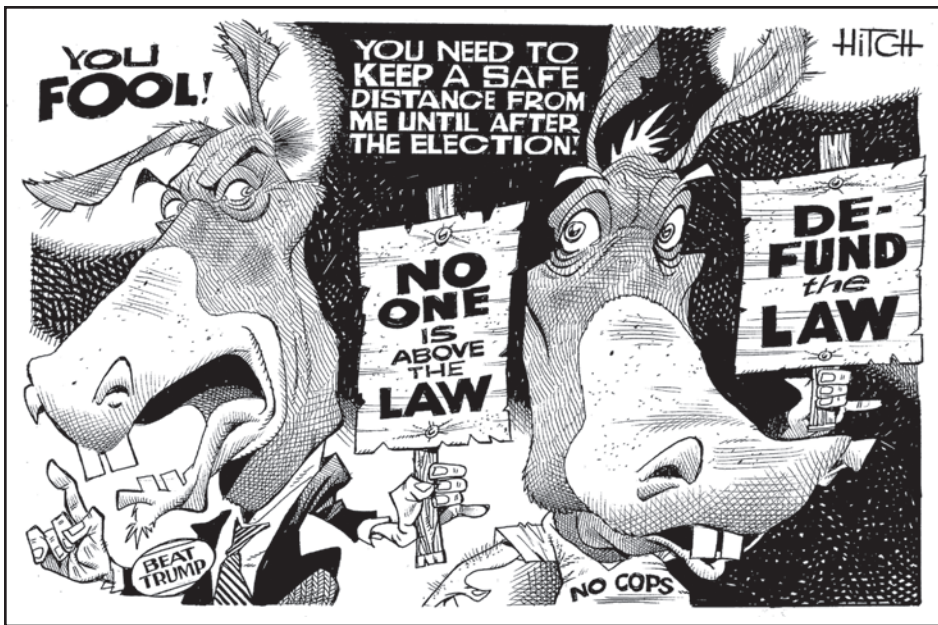
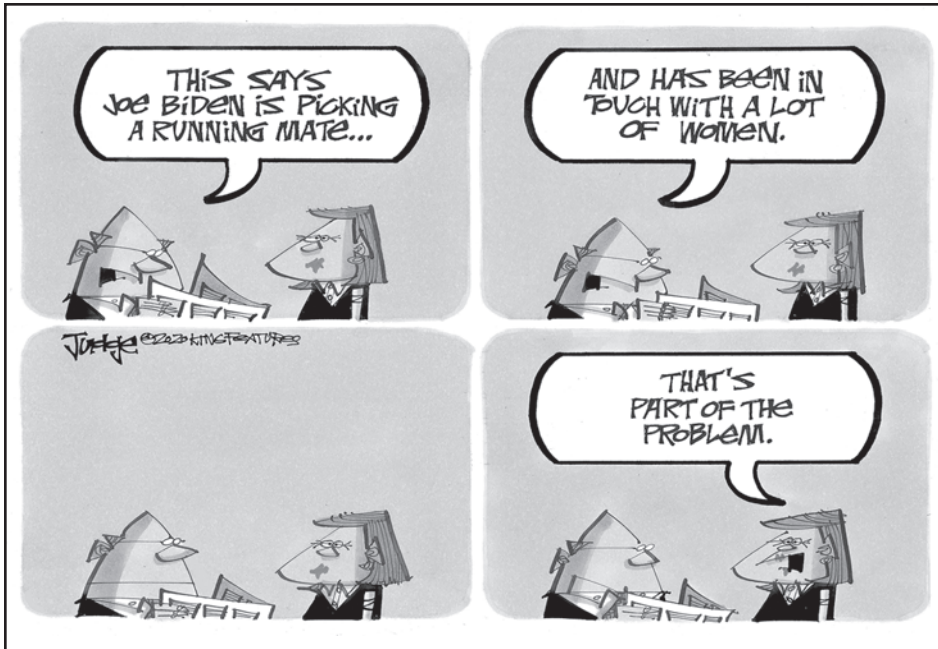
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Guest Editorial

Social Distancing Hypocrisy

By Rich Lowry

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot had big news last week -- the city is opening up its iconic Lakefront Trail after months of being closed off as part of a COVID-19 lockdown.

That Lightfoot kept the trail closed even after Chicago had experienced large-scale Black Lives Matter marches -- thousands during the "Drag March for Change" -- is one small instance of the flagrant social distancing hypocrisy across the country in recent weeks.

If it's OK for throngs of people to pack the streets, and shout and chant to protest the death of George Floyd, it ought to be permissible for someone to ride a bike along the lakeside while keeping to him- or herself.

Yet, Mayor Lightfoot welcomed the protestors -- "We want people to come and express their passion," she said -- and still kept the trail shuttered.

Many of the same officials who were most zealous in locking down their states and cities instantly made an exception for Black Lives Matter protests. Their rigidity became laxity in a blink of an eye. Their metric for re-opening wasn't the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines or any other public health measure, but the "wokeness" of the activity in question.

Visiting the deathbed of a loved one with COVID-19? *Absolutely not.*

Having a proper funeral? *No way.*
Gathering more than about 10 people at a graveside? *No one should be allowed to put the public at risk in such a way.*

Bringing thousands of strangers to march together for hours in spontaneous, disorderly groups? *Thank you for your commitment to positive change.*

Attending a church service? *Well, maybe in a couple of months.*

Holding a struggle session with religious trappings where people confess their racism and vow to work to defund the police? *Please, let's have more.*

To believe the leaders of Blue America, SARS-CoV-2 is the first virus in human history to have a social conscience -- virulent enough in the ordinary course of events to justify the most restrictive social controls; not such a big deal if it might get in the way of marches for social justice.

The likes of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio have justified the different standards by arguing that fighting racism is important. Well, so is mourning your dead, keeping your business from being ground to dust and worshipping your God. It's a sign of a ludicrously blinkered worldview to believe that a protest march deserves more consideration than these other elemental human needs.

Another argument is that the protestors are willing to put their health on the line for their cause. But, until recently, it was said that anyone going outside wasn't just endangering themselves, but the most vulnerable people in our communities. Why wouldn't that be true of the Black Lives Matter marches, too?

Don't expect consistency, or even a serious attempt at it. More than 1,000 public health experts signed a letter calling the protests "vital to the national public health," thus immolating their credibility on a pyre of motivated reasoning. It's social distancing for people and activities they find uncongenial, and different rules for their ideological allies.

What a contemptible betrayal of the public trust.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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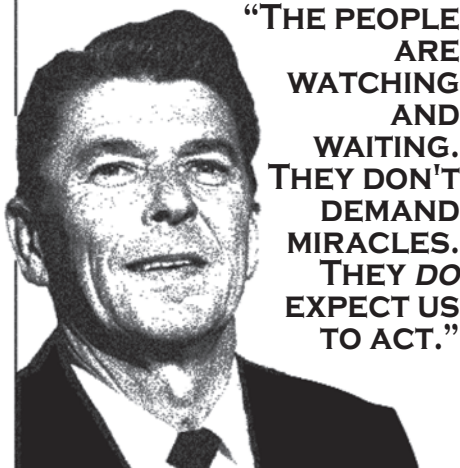
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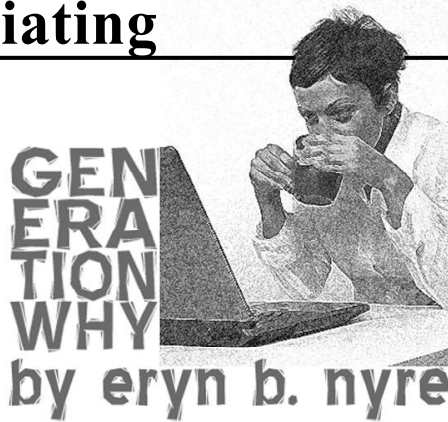
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Un-Socially Mediating



I said I was going to do it. I warned everyone that it was coming. Well, the final straw fell and poor old Humphrey's back was broken. I made the decision and gave up social media. Deactivated. Deleted. Done.

I know. This is probably one of those moments in history that will define a whole generation. Ok, so maybe that's a stretch but when I tell my grandkids about the great toilet paper shortage of 2020 that occurred as a result of a respiratory virus, I'll toss in deleting my social media accounts for a little extra flavor.

I'm often asked why I blame social media for so many of society's problems. The thing is, I don't. I blame society for society's problems. Novel concept, I know. Facebook is just a tool like any other. Take a hammer, for example. I can use a hammer to drive a nail into a wall and hang up a picture or I can use that same hammer to smash the hand of my next-door neighbor for stealing my newspaper. The hammer didn't change. It didn't suddenly become evil; I corrupted its purpose by using it in a violent way.

Disclaimer: I would never smash my neighbor's hand with a hammer; I was illustrating a point. Sadly, we have to be annoyingly literal these days. I fear for the future of sarcasm.

Like the tale of the hammer, social media is nothing more than a tool. The tool is harmless in the hands of those who want to keep in touch with family or make new friends who share common interests. However, the intended purpose of this tool is perverted when it is used to cheat on your spouse, bully those who don't agree with you, or disseminate faulty or misleading information. The result of this misuse has been detrimental to society. It isn't the tool, it's the user. So, no. I don't blame social media.

So, what's the answer? I can't become a recluse and hide out in some cave for the rest of my life in an attempt to avoid society. I can,

however, remove the tool that brings frustration and irritation into my life. Strange concept, I know. I could be like all the SJWs out there and lead a march on the capitol and demand the government disband all social media companies just because I don't like how they're used, but that's not how we reasonable folks do things. We change the channel; we don't demand that the network cancel the show.

I have several issues with how society uses, or misuses in my opinion, social media. One is that there is no accountability. Someone shares a story that they didn't research or verify, it supports an opinion someone else has so then it gets shared again.

People absorb content without bothering to examine the context or check the credibility of the source. It's just passed on from feed to feed to support or dispute one side or the other. People just eat it up and spew it out to others like they're playing a game of telephone only it's breaking our country and dividing our citizenry.

Another problem is the anonymity of social media. No one has to sign their name to their ignorant, uninformed – or even hateful – comments. This wouldn't often happen in public. Most people wouldn't expose themselves to strangers like they do on apps such as Snapchat. Most people wouldn't call strangers vile and reprehensible names when they disagree with them like they do on Facebook. Social media affords us the ability to be almost invisible

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which brings out the worst in far too many.

Of course, I'm getting some interesting pushback. For one, people seem to think that I will become woefully ignorant of news and current events. Sadly, there really are people out there who actually get their news and information solely from Facebook. It's like they don't realize that it was actually designed to keep people in touch. Well, if you believe the movie it was designed for Harvard men to get the ladies, but either way, it wasn't created to be a news outlet. In fact, all of those

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articles that get shared to your feed, they actually came from somewhere. That's the news source. Surprisingly, you are perfectly at your leisure to go hunting down the news yourself. You don't need to wait for your friends to spoon feed it to you. What's more, if you go looking for yourself you may actually get the whole picture instead of truncated quotes, edited videos and half-truths devoid of any context.

Others are concerned that they

will have no way to invite me to activities or events. I know it will be shocking to many of you, but there are other ways to contact people. There's email, text or a good, old-fashioned phone call. Yes, that handheld computer you keep tethered to you at all times (no judgment, mine is right here next to me) can also make phone calls. Queue gasp. Everyone I know who would want to include me in their special day or some random, lighthearted

shenanigans has my phone number. I'm not worried.

So, it's been three weeks, how do I feel? To tell you the truth, I feel better. I feel relieved. It's not a decision for everyone, but for me it has been freeing. Well, not at first. At first, I felt like I chopped off my own hand and nailed it to the lightpole outside my bedroom window so it could wave to me and remind me of what I was missing. But after a few days and some behavioral reconditioning, I felt relieved that I no longer had a tiny computer application telling me what to think or how to feel every day. It's nice to be back in control of my own mood.

4H Members Take Awards

By Corinna Martinez

On May 31, 4-H State Field Day Awards were held through a zoom meeting. Kids who received gold medals at Area Presentation Day moved on to State. Normally State Field Day would be held at U.C. Davis, but because of the pandemic it was held virtually via Zoom. Sierra Shadows 4-H public speaking group had a great outcome. Corinna Martinez won Platinum, De-

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laney Rocca won Gold, Hunter and Griffin Williams- Smith won Gold and Wyatt Morgan won Gold. Sierra Shadows is so proud of these kids and their hard work. Thank you to Monique Morgan for leading the Public Speaking group for Sierra Shadows.

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Who Wants Grunt?

(June 2010)

Editor's Note: With the passing of Aunt Jean, I have decided to bring you a "Best Of" of her recipes over the past 10 years. Good recipes are timeless and I hope you enjoy them all over again.



- 5 C Sliced Peaches
- ¾ C Sugar
- 1 T Cornstarch
- 1 C Flour
- 2 T Sugar
- 1 t. Baking Powder
- 2 T Butter, softened
- ½ C Milk

Combine first three ingredients in saucepan. Cover and cook over low heat until mixture comes to a boil. In a mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients and cut in butter with a pastry blender. When crumbly, add milk, making a dough that is soft but not sticky (you may not need all the milk). Uncover the pot

and drop the spoonfuls of dough into bubbling fruit, spacing evenly. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes, cover and cook an additional 10 minutes without lifting the lid.

Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

I don't have a recipe for my mom's boysenberry cobbler, but I can remember how she made it – saw her make enough of them. She would make her pie crust for a two crust pie.

- Pie Crust**
- 2 C Flour
 - 1 ½ t. Salt
 - 2/3 C Shortening
 - ½ C Ice Water

Mix flour and salt. Cut in shortening until like meal. Add water and mix into a ball. This may be a little moist but when you put it on a floured board and sprinkle a little flour on the dough ball, it should be alright. Cut ball in half and roll each piece into desired shape. Should be enough for a two-crust 9-inch pie or a 9x13 pan for cobbler.

She would line the bottom and sides of a 9x13 pan with half the

Please see **RECIPE** on P. 9

I went to the dictionary and looked up grunt ... and then there it was: New England cooking – a dessert, made with fruit and topped with biscuit dough.

I received an e-mail from Debra suggesting I do a column on cobbler, crisps and grunts. She must have been reading my mind because I had intended doing this one on cobbler – but she

stopped me with a "grunt." So I went to the internet (I don't know where I'd be if it weren't for the internet). First I went to the dictionary and

looked up grunt. The familiar definitions were there – A sound made when lifting; an infantry man; an unskilled worker, and then there it was: New England cooking – a dessert, made with fruit and topped with biscuit dough. Then my curiosity was really going, so I went to Google and typed in Peach Grunt and wow, there were all kinds of recipes. Not only that, I found another word I'd never heard of and that was a "slump." So, back to the internet to find the difference between a grunt and a slump. They both come from New England and one site said the grunt was cooked on top of the stove and got its name from the sound the fruit was making while cooking and a slump was baked in the oven. Both with bubbly fruit with biscuits or dumplings dropped in on top of the fruit. Well, there you have it – if you are like me, you learned two new words today to add to your vocabulary.

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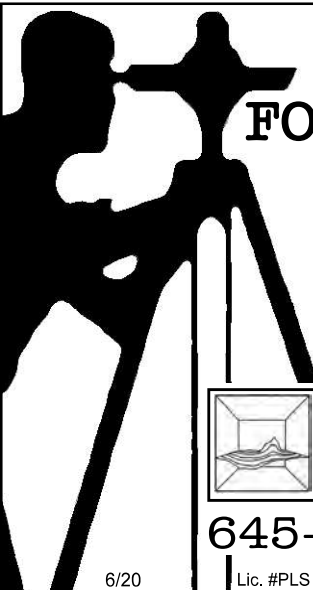
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rolled out pie dough. In a bowl, she would mix whatever amount of berries it took to fill the baking dish (probably about 5 cups of berries) a couple of tablespoons of flour and enough sugar to sweeten the berries. Sugar would depend on the tartness of the berries, but close to a cup of sugar. Pour the berry mixture into the prepared pan and top with the other half of dough and seal the edges. Score the top with holes to let steam escape. Bake in 350 oven until fruit is bubbly and top is golden.

If you don't want to fool with making and rolling out pie dough:

Batter Topping

- 1 C Flour
- 1 C Sugar

- 2 t. Baking Powder
- 1/4 t. Salt
- 2 T Butter, softened
- 1 Egg, slightly beaten
- 3 T Milk

In large bowl mix all ingredients and beat with a spoon until batter is smooth. Drop batter over fruit mix. Bake 25-30 minutes in 350 oven.

I found a recipe in her cards that sounds real easy and good – I'll pass it on:

Easy Fruit Cobbler

- 1 Stick Butter
- 1 C Flour
- 1 C Sugar
- 2 T Baking Powder
- 3/4 C Milk

Not only that, I found another word I'd never heard of and that was a "slump."

4 C Canned Fruit (peaches)
Melt butter in 9x13 pan. In mixing bowl mix sugar and flour together, add baking powder, then add milk and beat well. Pour over the melted butter **DO NOT MIX TOGETHER WITH BUTTER**. Pour canned fruit with juice over batter. **DO NOT MIX FRUIT WITH BATTER**. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes.

Debra included a couple of recipes for homemade ice cream that I will save for another time, but she did tell me about a quick "freeze" that sounds real good:

Take a two liter bottle of root beer and mix in the ice cream freezer can with two cans of sweetened condensed milk (Not evaporated milk). Whisk to

blend thoroughly, and then freeze according to the manufacturer's directions. If you like root beer freeze, you will really love this concoction. Use orange soda in place of the root beer and it will bring back memories of a 50/50 bar (or an Orange Freeze at Foster Freeze).

Well, that does it for another month. I really want to thank those of you that sent emails, or called. I really appreciate the feedback. One suggestion was that I include our e-mail address in the column. I took it for granted that since it was in the paper a couple of times, that wouldn't be necessary but perhaps I'm wrong – sorry about that! You can contact me by phone at 645-0634 (If I'm not there, leave a message on the answering machine). You can E-mail me here at the paper at ranchosnews@yahoo.com, or better yet, come into the office and talk to me. Until next time ...






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One of my all-time favorite Mother's Day cards went like this. Front: Hey Mom! Thanks for teaching me so many wonderful things over the years. Inside: Especially that potty training thing! (I can't tell you how many times that has come in handy.)

We don't train our children just for the fun of it. Frankly, it's hard work and rarely fun. It's ongoing, often frustrating and in the case of potty training, messy. We persevere so they become independent, responsible human beings with good life

skills, but there are also benefits while they're still in our homes:

1. Productivity – As kids learn new skills they contribute more as productive members of the family.

2. Less Stress – Much like a well-run business, a family operates more smoothly when systems are in place and everyone knows what's expected of them.

3. Less Supervision Required – With proper training and routines, children execute their tasks more independently. (Less nagging and yelling)

4. Increased Esteem and Unity – Children with responsibilities experience a sense of accomplishment and see themselves as essential to the family unit through their contribution. They're also more aware and appreciative of what is done for them by others.

With kids' outside activities cut down a notch by the pandemic, there's no better time than now to choose an area to focus on and help them develop a skill.

Time Management – Kids aren't the only ones who struggle with managing their time. These tips and tools

will benefit the entire family.

- Measure how long things take – getting ready in the morning, getting ready for bed, doing homework, household chores, etc. Use this information with your kids to set wake-up times, a time for bedtime prep and other responsibilities. Use a Time Timer (time-timer.com) as they do their chores and routines to show how much time has passed and help them stay on track.

- Block specific times on a weekly chart for household chores, homework and daily routines. This helps kids easily see what they need to do and when. Direct kids to the chart (posted in a prominent place) rather than yelling or nagging to keep them on task. Be sure to schedule in free time too.

- Have a digital or wall-type family calendar. Help your kids record and track their activities on the calendar. Set a weekly time to review and update it together.

Organizing and Maintenance – If your child doesn't have a natural bent toward organization, the command or request to "clean your room" will mean "push everything out of sight." These

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skills require show and tell. Work with your child through the first three steps.

- Sort and purge toys, clothes, books, etc. Let go of those things that your child has

outgrown or are broken, etc. Do this seasonally or as needed.

- Create homes for the remaining things using labeled drawers, shelves and containers so it's clear where everything belongs.

- Incorporate a "Ten-minute Tidy" into your child's evening routine so that the mess stays manageable. Help your child practice placing things from that day (dirty clothes, toys, etc.) where they belong.

- School-age children can manage the "Ten-minute Tidy" independently once they've learned the process.

Family Responsibilities – Kids need to feel like an essential part of the household — because they are. Every person in the family should have assigned, age-appropriate chores. Even if you can afford help, make sure your kids learn the basics — cleaning, laundry, meal prep, yard care, etc.

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Senior Report

Senior Center Writing Group Keeping Distance but Keeps Writing

By Margaret Tynan

It's now been over three months since the Ranchos Hills Seniors Center has held any of our usual events because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Members miss meeting each other and sharing friendly conversation. The Board decided to hold an Outdoor Meet, Greet and Conversation Hour to help members reconnect and still remain safe. On Wednesday, July 8 at 9 a.m. members are invited to bring a beverage and a lawn chair, wear a mask, maintain physical distancing and have a good time. It will be good to see you there.

The Center will not hold our regular monthly sale in July. The sales are an important source of funding for the self-supporting Center. We hope it will be safe to resume the first Saturday in August (stay tuned), but for July we are having a "No-

bake" Bake Sale. Your donations are welcome and appreciated. Make your check out to Ranchos Hills Seniors and mail to 37330 Berkshire Dr., Madera, CA 93636.

This June marked two years since the Center's Writing Group began. We had been meeting most Monday afternoons at the Center until the pandemic restrictions made it impossible. The group has missed meeting together, so, with the technical assistance of Lou and Rosemary Janis, we met via Zoom on June 1. It was great to see everyone. We had such a good time. Josie Turner, who was able to

join us from her new home in New Mexico, shared

a short piece she wrote about being caught in a down pour. It was quite entertaining. Happily, the group decided to meet via Zoom every other week for now. I am one who wants to write but needs the group for encouragement. Here are members' thoughts about their Writing Group experience.

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Rosemary Janis: "The reason I joined the RHS writing group about two years ago was to help motivate myself to sit and write the stories that were floating in my head. Although I have not accomplished this

goal, I have gained more insight to people and their life's experiences. The stories shared at the writing group have allowed me to express a deeper side of myself. The experience has also offered me the opportunity to experiment with different writing styles which has expanded my use of descriptive words. Being more imaginative when writing has helped me insert more personality into my characters, making my story more appealing to the reader."

Shirley Tichel: "I joined the Writing class at the Senior Center about two years ago. I thought it might be fun to learn something new. I enjoy reading, so thought it would be easy. Right! The writing hasn't been that easy, but with the wonderful feed-back from the members, I'm learning. Plus, I enjoy the fun and

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5. Because I feel a sense of personal obligation to improve the quality of life in the Ranchos.

When's the NEXT Chamber of Commerce Meeting?

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The Bookshelf

After Month of Closure, Ranchos Library Still Operational, Opening Soon

By Jerrica Edmundson

So sorry for that absence, but I'm glad to be back here getting information to all of you lovely folks of the Ranchos. We were fully closed for about a month and a half, but then opened up curbside pickup to get you access to books starting May 18 and we then had staff back in the building to help get that running for everyone, and it seems to be going great.

Speaking of staff, I do have the sad news of letting you all know that Kate has gone off to a new job, but we do have a replacement already found. If you get a curbside delivery you just may get a chance to meet our new staff member: Brian. He's a fantastic person who is excited to join the team and loves reading almost as much as I do.

The official announcement has been made about the Summer Reading Program this year and the good news is that it is still going to happen. We are shifting to a digi-

tal format for tracking your books as well as for viewing our performers, with curbside pickup of prizes that will be awarded throughout the program. We received a grant allowing access to a program called Beanstack for tracking reading this year, and the program details can be found at maderacountylibrary.beanstack.org where you can sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program and see just how it will work. Our lovely members of the Friends of the Ranchos Library have made it possible for us to have a lineup of fantastic performers who will be providing us with videos to be shared with you all, and prizes that all go with our STEM based theme of "Dig Deeper." As such we have some awesome prizes lined up and will be having weekly drawings to get those out. If you are unable to utilize the online tracking program, please contact the library and we can work something out so that no one is left out from the fun this year.

As a reminder, we are not yet open to

the public for browsing (as soon as that is on the calendar I will be making an announcement via our Facebook page) but we do have curbside pickup available if you want to get a book/movie/audiobook for yourself. If you don't have a specific book in mind, we can always find something pertaining to a genre, theme, age range, or type. We love a challenge. Just give us a call or Facebook message and we will try our best to help you find something to read and love.

Library items can be returned through the book drop on Fridays starting at 10 a.m. and going until either 5 p.m. or the box is full, whichever happens first. Due dates are not being enforced and fines will not be assessed until we have an ability to regularly offer book returns for you, since that's just not fair to do otherwise and we recognize that.

While we have been closed to the public we have been working very hard to get all of the shelves fully organized to

perfection and sanitize all of the surfaces in the library, but even when we do reopen there will be some changes in place. Expect masks to be required for all patrons coming into the building along with some other potential changes that will be announced as they are made official. We are still getting our plan of reopen cleared by the Public Health department and we will have to defer to them in our procedures.

In the meantime, we can do curbside pickup for books/movies/audiobooks and we still can order items from other libraries as well, so long as they have opened in some form or another. I personally appreciate how understanding everyone has been during this time and can't wait to see all of your smiling faces once more as soon as we can open the doors.

That was a whole lot of news, and I didn't have any space to get a book review in, but I will be sure to make up for it next month, right here.

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companionship."

Josie Turner: "What I derived most from the Writing Group was the introspective aspect. The ability to transfer into words my thoughts, feelings and memories gave me immense satisfaction and confidence. I also thoroughly enjoyed the group sharing their stories."

Jo Chase: "I truly enjoy our writing group, though at first I was hesitant thinking I am not a writer. The writing prompts help give me a place to channel my thinking. It is

surprising what comes to mind and on paper during a quiet time to write. The fun part comes when we share our stories. It is wonderful to get to know each other through our stories and time together."

Helen Lowell: "The writing class is a new adventure for me. I wasn't sure, but what an experience. It makes you look back on your life and your memories and then write about them. Another plus, you get to meet new and interesting people and hear their stories. It certainly is a class of learning, writing and lots of laughs. You know, everyone has a story.

Come join us for two hours. You might surprise yourself at what you can write."

Mary Orcutt: "Margaret called, and I said 'Yes' to her idea that the Ranchos Hills Senior Center should start a writing club. With a pre-retirement employment history working as an English teacher, newspaper reporter and then as a Personnel Analyst investigating and writing up employee misbehavior, it sounded like fun. Indeed, it has been. Some weeks we work on our own projects and others we work on general writing prompts, reading aloud our efforts prior to

leaving for the afternoon. Right now, we are meeting on Zoom, so if you are looking for a safe way to socialize in this time of COVID-19 seclusion, come and check us out. This is a low-key happy group which both stumbles and shines in our writing efforts."

If anyone is interested in joining the Writing Group, you would be welcome. Email Rosemary at Rosemary@myrancho.net or Margaret Tynan at mtynan@sbcglobal.net to join.

Thought for July: "We write to taste life twice, in the moment and in retrospect."—Anais Nin

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care provider for more information.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District also cautions residents that basic cloth or paper face masks often used for COVID-19 protection do not provide adequate protection from fine particulate matter. For those choosing to wear protective face masks as smoke protection, this professional guidance is provided: www3.epa.gov/airnow/smoke_fires/respiratory-protection-508.pdf.

Residents can use the District's Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) to track air quality at any Valley location by visiting myRAAN.com. District air monitoring stations are designed to detect microscopic PM

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2.5 particles that exist in smoke. However, larger particles, such as ash, may not be detected. If you smell smoke or see smoke or falling ash in your immediate vicinity, consider air quality "unhealthy" (RAAN Level 4 or higher) even if RAAN displays a lower level of pollution.

The public can also check the District's wildfire page at www.valleyair.org/wildfires for information about any current wildfires affecting the Valley. In addition, anyone can follow air quality conditions by downloading the free "Valley Air" app on their mobile device.

For more information, you can either visit www.valleyair.org or call the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District office in Fresno at 559-230-6000.

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more frequently with your hands. But frequent handwashing and proper mask placement -- on and off -- greatly reduces contamination.

3. Some think that ONLY an N95 mask works. The reality is that a cloth mask used in conjunction with frequent hand washing greatly reduces the spread of COVID-19.

4. Masks need to be washed frequently, as in after every use. They can be washed with other laundry but it should be on the hottest water setting and hottest dryer setting possible. You can wash by hand by using 4 teaspoons of bleach diluted in 1 quart of water and dry in direct sun-

light, if possible.

5. Although you don't have to use an N95 mask, not just any mask will work. A cloth mask needs multiple layers of fabric for protection. You can make masks from tightly woven cotton, like bandannas or T-shirts.

6. Some say re-breathing CO₂ (hypercapnia) in a mask will make them sick. The reality is that most people only wear masks for short periods of time. The odds of getting sick from that is very remote.

7. Some people equate wearing a mask as an outward sign of weakness, or that they've "given up" and the virus has won. The reality is a mask simply means you understand the nature and risks of spreading a highly contagious virus. Nothing more.

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How Things Have Changed!

Hello 93636,

After two months of cancelled Central California Pico Club (CCPC) workshops, we made the decision to resume earlier this month. The June workshop was held at CAD'S of Fresno where we knew it would draw large. Roberto and his staff are very innovative with finding new uses for our modern diagnostic technology. Among other things, Roberto is currently developing an intake/exhaust pressure waveform diagnostic. Intake (inhale) and exhaust (exhale) is the breathing function of an engine. A properly breathing engine is absolutely essential to its efficiency and performance. With modern automotive engine technology like variable valve timing and cylinder deactivation, Roberto's pressure waveform diagnostic will be very valuable for our industry. In general, society may have taken a step backward during the Covid-19 scare, but I assure you the CCPC did not.

With the many diagnostic advancements presented at the June workshop, I hit the pause button and began to reflect on the many changes within my industry during the past 35 years that I've been involved. Earlier this week, a Ranchos customer towed his 1950 boat with a 292 Ford inboard engine into the shop for a "Crank/No Start" complaint. When I removed the engine cover, I could see this was vintage technology. One of the first

things I noticed was a Mallory distributor ignition. When I popped the distributor cap off, I saw ignition points, a rotor cap and condenser. WOW! It was 1971 all over again for me. When I was a senior at Fresno High School, I worked all summer with my dad at Producers Dairy and saved enough money to buy a 1957 Chevrolet Belair two-door hard top with a 327 engine. One of the first upgrades I made to the 327 was to install a Mallory dual-point ignition distributor. After a little diagnostic I found the ignition coil had an internal "open" in the primary coil winding. With the replacement of the ignition coil the engine started right up and ran. Since I didn't have available tune-up specifications for a 1950, 292 c.i. Ford inboard engine, I decided to set the point gap at .016 and check the ignition dwell angle and base timing to verify the proper point gap setting. During that process the engine returned to its "Crank/No Start" condition. After further diagnostic I determined the condenser also failed which was probably the cause of the ignition coil failure. When I replaced the condenser, the engine started and ran well.

I asked my guys if they knew what an ignition condenser was, how to set an ignition point gap and adjust ignition dwell angle.

Points-type ignition systems were replaced by electronic ignition systems in the early 70's and I think ignition distributors were all gone by 2000. The 1950's technology is unfamiliar to them.

Earlier this month we had a 2012 Honda Odyssey roll into the shop with a small engine oil leak. With some testing my guys de-

termined the Variable Cylinder Management (VCM) spool valve assembly base gasket was leaking. The gasket was not available from Honda without purchasing the entire VCM valve assembly, so I ordered one from the internet. We replaced the assembly base gasket and the external engine oil leak was fixed. During the "after repair" test drive, the MIL – the "malfunction indicator lamp" or "check engine light" – activated for a VCM system fault. After some research we discovered Honda had a programming update to repair our problem. We reprogrammed the vehicle's computer, but the MIL returned.



The Mallory dual-point ... a blast from the past.

Honda's VCM system deactivates cylinders under light engine load conditions allowing the engine to run on three or four cylinders. An "ECO" indicator light in the instrument cluster is illuminated indicating cylinder deactivation. Once engine loads increase, the engine returns back to its 3.5L V-6 engine status.

Our problem turned out to be extremely difficult to correctly diagnose. Whenever Kyle had a free moment, I had him researching the engineering and strategy of Honda's VCM system. After some time, Kyle developed a diagnostic strategy to correctly diagnosis the VCM system. His testing showed the mechanical and logic function of the system was functioning as designed. The only logical conclusion was the gasket was defective and caused a high-pressure oil leak inside the valve assembly. We replaced the assembly and gasket with an original equipment Honda part and the problem was solved. GOOD JOB KYLE. I guess buyer beware when purchasing internet parts.

Last month a Chrysler 300 rolled into the shop for service, maintenance and repair. One procedure required the reprogramming of a module. Chrysler vehicles are very quirky and not easily programmed by the automotive aftermarket. Several years ago, a sister shop brought us a Fresno Police Department Dodge Charger to program the new door module they installed. During the programming process we took the whole darn car down for a power window repair. We towed the cruiser to the local dealership to complete the programming. Unknown to us, a police vehicle's software is not exactly the same as a passenger vehicle's software and the Charger went down because we didn't have security clearance.

Not to be deterred, we learned a valuable lesson and moved on. With this Chrysler 300 module programming I decided to use two of my techs working together. Kyle was the lead technician and Michael was assisting him. What's unique about this programming procedure was Michael was physically located in the Los Angeles area. During his summer and Christmas vacations, Michael works for Complete Car Care. During the school year he is an automotive electrical engineering student at Cal Poly Los Angeles. With our J2534 interface connecting Kyle's laptop to the car and Michael's laptop connected wirelessly, the reprogramming went flawlessly. WAY COOL! Man oh man how things have changed.

OK guys and gals, that's all for this one. As always, I'm looking for current, relevant, informative and/or interesting automotive industry topics to write about. If you have any ideas, suggestions, recommendations and/or general or specific questions concerning a vehicle, I can be reached at complete_car_care@hotmail.com or text to 559-907-7661. God Bless America and God Bless 93636.

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SEMUCU speaks

By Matt Maringer

To our Madera community: Let us start by saying SEMCU offers our thoughts and condolences to the families of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless others that have been cut short. As a non-profit, we believe that everyone has the right to be heard and move freely, no matter where they live or the color of their skin, religion or social standings. We are committed to continue improving our community while treating everyone equally and with dignity. We do not tolerate discrimination, harassment or racism and we hold everyone at SEMCU accountable to these standards of basic respect and human decency. We are a community of one and will continue to listen to everyone's thoughts, concerns and sugges-

tions to help improve the Southeast Madera community in the best way we can. Your suggestions and comments are welcome.

Regarding the status of Madera with COVID-19, we are in the later stage of two out of the four stages set in place for California. This stage relaxes more retail restrictions and businesses such as dine-in restaurants, barber shops and salons and childcare are now open. We continue to still urge members of the community to take precautionary measures by wearing face masks, observing social distancing, and washing and sanitizing your hands. As we know, this has been a tough time for our small businesses with the pandemic and events such as the Flatlander's Parade being cancelled have not helped. We ask that you help support these small businesses any way you can as we continue to progress and rebound.

We have received many questions and concerns regarding water in the Ranchos and what the future holds. We highly recommend you attend or

call into the monthly Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) meetings, of which SEMCU is a voting member. Here is a link to gain more insight: www.maderacountywater.com/regional-water-management-group. RWMG meetings are on ZOOM for now, unless they can meet in person, either in Chowchilla, Madera and Oakhurst. If you would like more info or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

SEMUCU's dishwasher and washing machine energy grant came to a successful end. A big part of being awarded these grants is through the application process. Based on the community's interests in improving transportation, education, water and energy savings, schools, parks and safety, we would like to hear your suggestions for projects for which you would like us to apply. These ideas can be submitted to our website or email at the bottom of the page. We would like you to include the name of the grant, how SEMCU would benefit and any additional info you think

would be helpful.

We at SEMCU are "BY THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY." As part of the social distancing and contending with the COVID-19, instead of convening our monthly board meetings, for the foreseeable future, we are choosing to hold our board meetings via telephone conferencing. We hold our meetings on the third Monday of every month starting at 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to listen in and offer ideas of projects that can help our community. To call in, dial: 312-757-3121. When you get prompted, dial the access code: 715657949# For more information you may call: 559-363-9095 or reach us at www.semcu.org and www.info@semcu.org.

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- When training, give your child realistic and clear expectations. Show your child exactly what the end product should look like whether it's setting the table, mowing the lawn, or cleaning the toilet.
- Provide the appropriate tools and make them accessible.
- Show them how to do it and stick around to coach the process until you're sure they've got it.
- Teach them that the job isn't complete until the tools, clean laundry, etc. are put away.
- Rotate chores, but not too frequently.

Some consistency is valuable too.

- Choose a few "over and above" jobs that kids can do for pay but explain that some things we do just because we're part of a family.

The key to it all is consistency. Just remember that consistency isn't perfection, it's refusing to give up.

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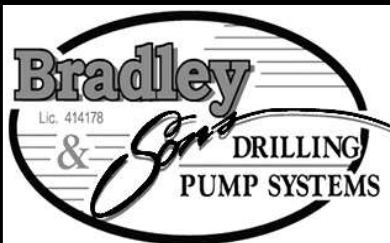
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By Betty Van Valkenburg

The Country is Breaking Apart

What can average, well-meaning people do?

Most Americans are just ordinary, everyday folks. We were raised to respect our elders, clean our plates, follow the law, go to school, make our beds, brush our teeth, work hard and do the right thing. We are middle class or poor or wealthy or somewhere in between — perhaps at the beginning of our life's work or retired. We are blue collar workers or professionals or minimum-wage earners or business owners or stay-at-home moms or teachers or pastors or even police officers. We are sons, daughters, moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas. We have college or high-school degrees or none at all. We are of every race, color and creed. We are Republican, Democrat, Independent — or none of the above.

We have been horrified by the daily images of death, injury, open hatred, wanton destruction and anarchy. We abhor the violence. We mourn the loss of lives and sympathize with the loss of homes, businesses, neighborhoods, jobs and livelihoods.

We average folks can't solve the world's problems, although we would if we could. We can't wave a magic wand to stop the hatred and violence. We can't confront organized, sometimes armed, rebellion in the streets. Sadly, ordinary folks across the country have been betrayed by their elected officials whose first duty is public safety. In too many cases mayors and governors have not only abdicated that responsibility but have *openly excused or abetted the destruction and violence*. Lawlessness has been the result.

Necessary political change and accountability should come at the ballot box or by changing hearts and minds through peaceful persuasion. Calming voices need to be heard over the cacophony of racial and political discord. Is that possible?

Alas, it may take divine intervention to save the country. Meanwhile, we average citizens have lives to live and decisions to make. We can deepen the

wounds or heal them. We can sow division or call for sanity and reason. We can treat everyone with respect and dignity, and we can spread the conservative message that equal rights under the law benefit everyone. We can be politically active to effect real change.

We can take action on positive proposals

You may find the following issues of interest and worthy of action, or not. During the current struggle, they may appear trivial; but they affect our daily lives and well-being. And when this national nightmare finally ends, there will still be bills to pay and kids to feed and educate.

Save Proposition 13 and stop the property tax hike. Since 1978, Proposition 13 has saved property owners — black and white, liberal and conservative — enormous sums by keeping property taxes reasonable. But beware: November's ballot will include a proposition to revoke Proposition 13's protections for non-residential businesses and commercial property. It will bear the friendly title of "California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act," but it is far from friendly. If passed, it will result in substantial tax increases on large and small businesses, putting some small shops out of business and raising prices for the public, thus hurting the poor the most. You can visit www.HJTA.org for more information.


Sign a School Choice petition at CaliforniaSchoolChoice.org. California School Choice is working to qualify a ballot initiative. They learned that government-school policies and curricula resulted in California's K-12 students having some of the lowest test scores in math, science, reading and writing in the industrialized world. This bad outcome was across all socio-economic groups. They found that many policies and textbooks push social engineering and oppose our founding principles. They state that unless parents can send their children to a high-performing private, parochial or perhaps home school, their students can become trapped by their zip code in a failing public school. (Where's the protest for better education to help lift people out of poverty?)

It should be obvious that abolishing police departments would be disastrous for everyone. Cool heads must prevail to retain needed police protection while making improvements to the system if needed. If someone is breaking down your door at 3 a.m., do you need a police officer or a social worker? Tell your elected officials what you want.

Bottom line: Racial hatred — whether of black, white, brown or yellow or by black, white, brown or yellow — has no place in American society. Nor does rioting, looting, assault or arson.

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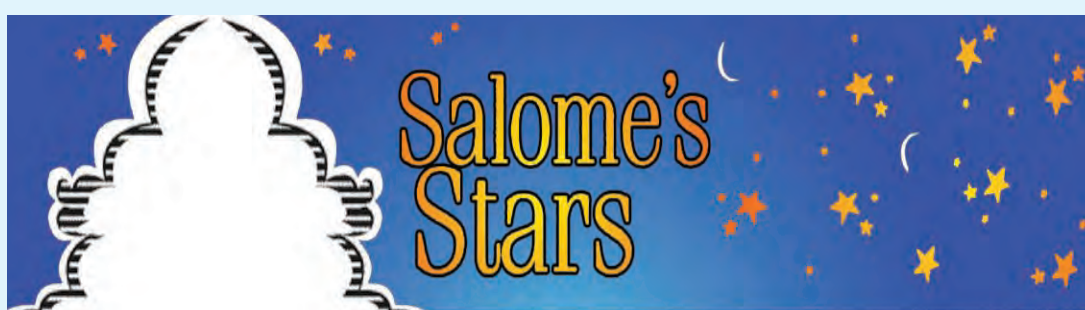


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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Making things more complicated than they need to be can be a problem for the typically orderly Lamb. Try to look for a less intricate way to accomplish the same goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Avoiding personal involvement in a troubling situation might be advisable at this time, especially since you probably don't have all the facts. The weekend brings a surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A problem with a colleague you thought had been resolved could recur. However, this time you'll be able to rely on your record to get a quick resolution in your favor. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Giving your self-esteem a boost could be a good idea for the Moon Child, who might feel a bit daunted by the week's occurrences. Just focus on all your positive accomplishments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The "mane" attraction for the Lovable Lion this week is -- what else? -- love. New relationships move to new levels, while long-standing partnerships are strengthened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A recent workplace problem will prove to be one of miscommunication, and once the matter is settled, you should have a better chance of getting your proposals approved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news! After dealing pretty much in the dark with a matter that seemed to be taking forever to resolve, you should soon be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive message should help lift that energy-draining sense of anxiety, and you should soon be able to deal with even the peskiest matter, whether at work or personal.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Try to control that heated Sagittarian temperament while dealing with what you believe to be an unfair matter. A cool approach is the best way to handle things.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings could keep you from learning what went wrong. Ask your partner, a family member or a trusted friend to help you reassess your actions in the matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Nature is dominant this week. Try to spend time outdoors with someone special. An act of kindness in the past might be recalled by a person you believed was out of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An upcoming career decision could be based on how well you might be able to apply your artistic talents. Make a strong impression. Use the finest samples of your work.

Born this Week

Doing good things for others comes easily to you. You are considered a good friend, even by those you might hardly know.

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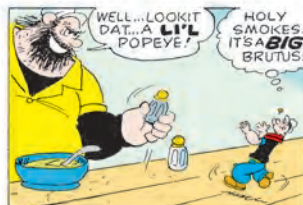
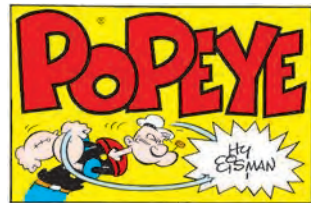
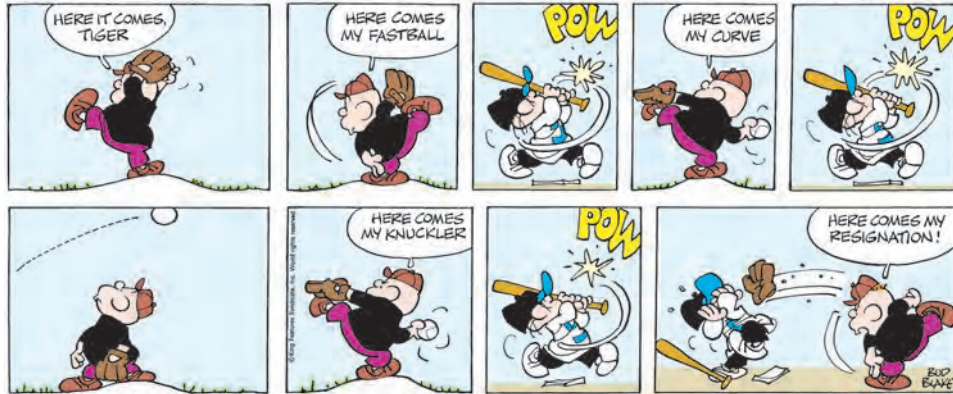
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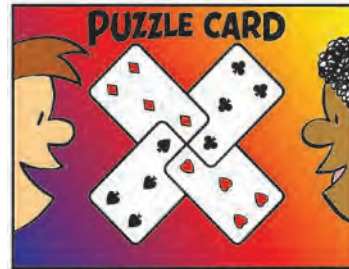
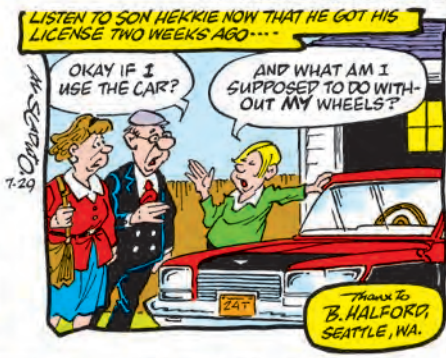
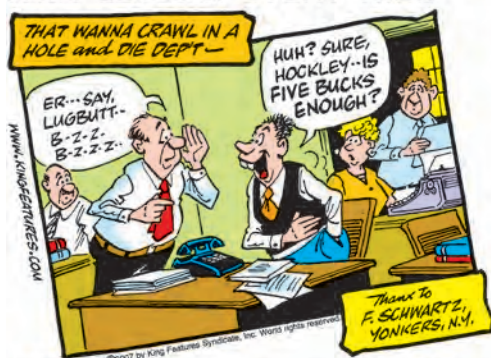
TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



A 'PIP' OF A PLAYING CARD PUZZLE!
Place four fives on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them, face up, so that only four pips on each card are visible. (Our puzzle card shows you how it's done!)

DAZZLING DIGITS! See if you can find five similar digits that, when added together, will equal 14.

Answer: 11 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 14

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words that are divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from a word in the left column to a word in the right.

Answers: Archer, lineage, impact, hackaw, therein, satrap.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

FIND THE TWIN-WORDS!
Twin-words are made up of two repeating terms like CHA-CHA or TUTU. See if you can identify the ones defined in the hints below:

- Unconventional art movement.
- Farewell expression.
- Two equal shares.
- Egyptian goddess.
- Sweet, good and virtuous.
- A rhythmic dance.
- Decorative woolen ball.
- Something passable.
- A trumpet sound.
- Silly, crazy or infatuated.
- A low sound.
- Found on teeth.
- Unreal place.
- Antiaircraft gun.

Answers: 1. Dada; 2. Bye-bye; 3. Filly; 4. Tutu; 5. Goodie-goodie; 6. Hula-hula; 7. Pom-pom; 8. So-so; 9. Wah-wah; 10. Gag; 11. Mummur; 12. Tattler; 13. Lala (hand); 14. Ack-ack (slang).

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- ASTRONOMY: How often does the Sun rotate on its axis?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the state capital of Delaware?
- GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits presidents to two terms in office?
- HISTORY: What was the highest social class in the early Roman empire?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which 20th-century actress was born with the name Lucille LeSueur?
- TELEVISION: What were the names of Elly May's two pet chimpanzees in "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- ART: Which artist painted "The Persistence of Memory"?
- MOVIES: What kind of gun did Clint Eastwood carry in the "Dirty Harry" series?
- MUSIC: Which singer-songwriter's nickname was "The Lizard King"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on earth?

Answers

- On average, every 27 days
- Dover
3. 22nd
- Patricians
- Joan Crawford
- Skippy and Bessie
- Salvador Dali
- 44 Magnum Smith & Wesson Model 29
9. Jim Morrison
10. Saffron

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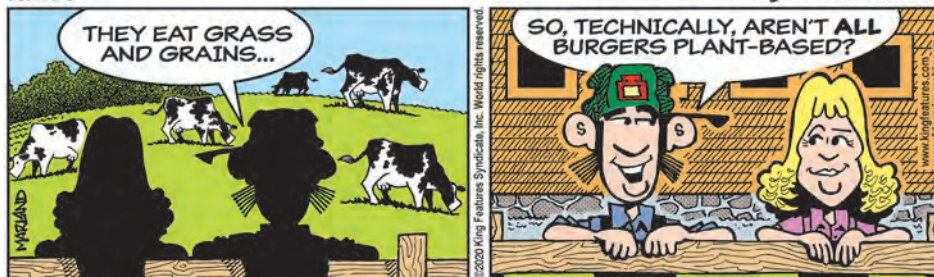
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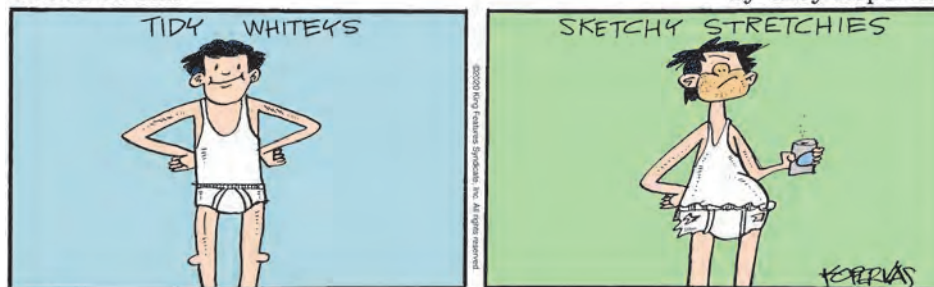
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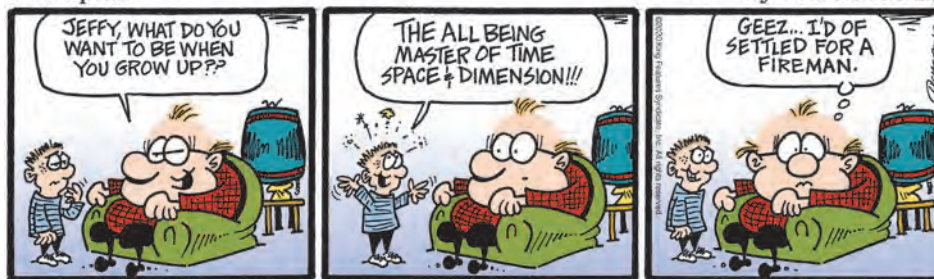
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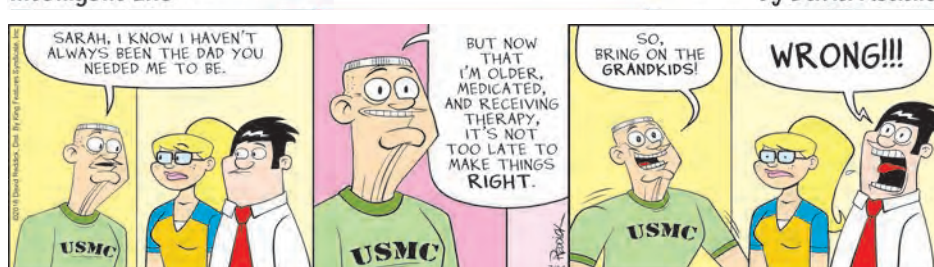
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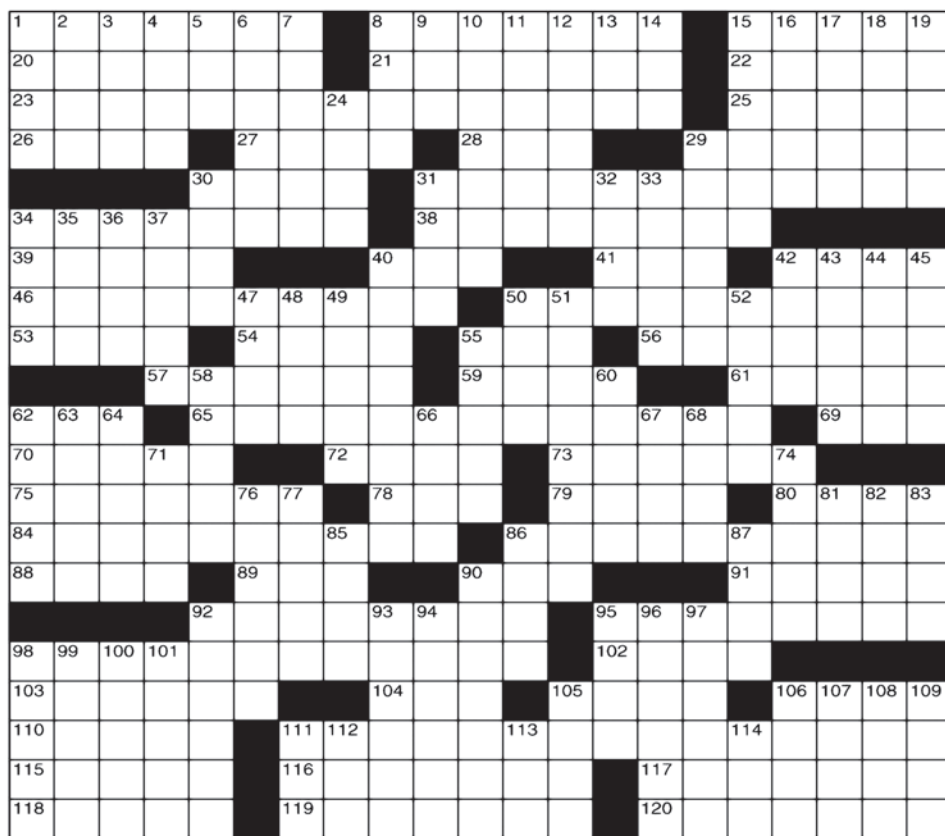
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Bat is missing. 2. Failing is different. 3. Player's parts are longer. 4. Crowd is larger. 5. Ball stitching is different. 6. Neckline is changed.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Boat docks
 - 8 Mere penny
 - 15 Stair face
 - 20 Generally
 - 21 Infused with carbon dioxide
 - 22 Cosmetics queen
 - 23 Holiday tree brighteners
 - 25 Figure skating category
 - 26 Baby blues, say
 - 27 Detroit loc.
 - 28 By way of
 - 29 — Babies
 - 30 Info on a library slip
 - 31 Thing swung on a court
 - 34 Undermined
 - 38 Federal case, so to speak
 - 39 Countrified
 - 40 See 42-Across
 - 41 German's "one"
 - 42 With 40-Across, headwear for doing laps
 - 46 William Tell wielded one
 - 50 Nine-footer with 88 keys
 - 53 Game with a cue stick
 - 54 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
 - 55 Bakery treat
 - 56 Atypical pets
 - 57 Taco sauce brand
 - 59 Everyone, in German
 - 61 Topic in question
 - 62 Beddy-bye clothes
 - 65 Gravity-defying party decoration
 - 69 Have a go at
 - 70 Reply to "You are not!"
 - 72 Spoiled stars' problems
 - 73 Running back Smith
 - 75 Pro at PR
 - 78 Crude abode
 - 79 "Hud" actress
 - 80 Morales of film and TV
 - 84 Pinocchio, for one
 - 86 Rosary's nonreligious relative
 - 88 Like a spud-slicing GI
 - 89 Aide to Santa
 - 90 Some small batteries
 - 91 Holiday tree topper
 - 92 Really mad
 - 95 Film director
 - 98 Alternative to drapes
 - 102 Merit
 - 103 Spanish province capital
 - 104 Cellular stuff
 - 105 Rick's love in a 1942 film
 - 106 Farmland unit
 - 110 Cleaned up some leaves
 - 111 What eight of this puzzle's answers have
 - 115 Saw wood
 - 116 Capital of New Jersey
 - 117 Paying to stay at
 - 118 Disburdened
 - 119 Like mustard
 - 120 Post-Trojan War tale
 - 2 White-faced
 - 3 Seldom seen
 - 4 Pupil site
 - 5 Greek letters
 - 6 "Nashville" director
 - 7 Arab, e.g.
 - 8 Unduly quick
 - 9 Slender fish
 - 10 Force to rise
 - 11 Shutting in
 - 12 Fuel gas
 - 13 Court divider
 - 14 Grid stats
 - 15 Annul
 - 16 Sci-fi's Asimov
 - 17 Smell awful
 - 18 Uncanny
 - 19 Turn to 000
 - 24 Did perfectly
 - 29 Secret taste-test label
 - 30 Strike mark
 - 31 Defreeze
 - 32 Conception
 - 33 Fisher's net
 - 34 Tinfoil, e.g.
 - 35 Irish money
 - 36 BP gas brand
 - 37 Painter Frida
 - 40 Instructed jointly
 - 42 Uses a divan
 - 43 Bell's place
 - 44 Acquire, as debt
 - 45 Stroll
 - 47 Be worthy of
 - 48 Kids' writer
 - 49 Bacall's first hubby
 - 50 — monster
 - 51 Chiles — (Mexican dishes)
 - 52 Gist
 - 55 Blatz brewer
 - 58 West Virginia's state flower, for short
 - 60 Fudd of cartoondom
 - 62 California's — Beach
 - 63 Osaka's land
 - 64 Smarmy smile
 - 66 Pouty face
 - 67 Epps of TV's "House"
 - 68 Smarmy
 - 71 Barber's cut
 - 74 Some minors
 - 76 Boxing combo
 - 77 H'wood type
 - 81 Wise soul
 - 82 Some Snapple products
 - 83 Cruise stop
 - 85 Big brand of nonstick cookware
 - 86 Joking types
 - 87 Cowshed site
 - 90 It's faster than adagio
 - 92 Laid down the lawn?
 - 93 "The Queen" star Helen
 - 94 Seventh — stretch
 - 95 Ward of TV
 - 96 Fidel of Cuba
 - 97 Sounded off
 - 98 Poorer
 - 99 Donald's first wife
 - 100 "Zorba the Greek" novelist
 - 101 John — (tractor maker)
 - 105 Lacks entity
 - 106 Play units
 - 107 Greek letters
 - 108 Artist
 - 109 Irritable
 - 111 Fuel additive
 - 112 Mr. Capote, to his pals
 - 113 Weed B — (lawn care product)
 - 114 In — case
- DOWN**
- 1 Knight's club

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SEM CU community, as we continue to fight through these unprecedented times, we are always looking to do more. We would like to hear from you. We would like to get your opinions and suggestions on additional projects with which we can help.

Please reach out to us and let us know your thoughts.

Our contact information is at the bottom of the page.

Until further notice, the regular SEM CU meetings will take place via teleconference.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 20 at 6 p.m.

The teleconference number is 312-757-3121 and the Access Code is 715-657-949.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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